June 1st, Novara:

The First Consul arrived at the Ticino on the morning of the 31st. The enemy showed a considerable force of cavalry and a few guns on the left bank. General Murat got a battery in position, and a cannonade followed for an hour. After six hours* work we got nearly 1500 men and two guns over.

Murat is now halfway to Milan.

3d, Milan:

General Murat reached Milan on the 3d. He immediately surrounded the citadel. Three hours later the First Consul and his staff made their entry, surrounded by a crowd displaying the greatest enthusiasm.

Night :

Our movement has been so rapid that it was only twenty-four hours before our entry that the people of Milan knew the French were in Italy.

4th. (To Talleyrand.) Please have a pamphlet printed with the following title: *Letter of a patriotic member of the Germanic body on the policy of the House of Austria.* The object is to show that Austria has always striven to enlarge herself at the expense and to the detriment of the Empire. It would be a good thing to have this letter printed in German and to have it distributed broadcast in Germany.